

Claims

- [c1] An accessory for wild birds formed from a plurality of ceramic clay flowerpots disposed in preselected relation to each other, the accessory comprising: a receptacle formed from a ceramic flowerpot, the receptacle having a first end and a second end and a continuous side wall of the receptacle extending between the first end and the second end of the receptacle, the continuous side wall defining a plurality of openings of preselected sizes disposed at preselected positions; and at least one of a top and a bottom formed of a ceramic clay flowerpot positioned coaxially and adjacent to at least one of the first end and the second end of the receptacle.
- [c2] The accessory of claim 1, wherein the at least one of a top and a bottom is a top formed of a ceramic clay flowerpot and disposed in position for normal use of the accessory at the first end of the receptacle to provide a cover therefor.
- [c3] The accessory of claim 2, wherein the top is a ceramic clay flowerpot saucer inverted over the first end of the receptacle.
- [c4] The accessory of claim 1, wherein the at least one of a top and a bottom is a bottom formed of a ceramic clay flowerpot and disposed in an upright position for normal use of the accessory at the second end of the receptacle.
- [c5] The accessory of claim 4, wherein the bottom is a ceramic clay flowerpot saucer.
- [c6] The accessory of claim 4, wherein the bottom is a ceramic clay flowerpot of the type known as a cactus pot.
- [c7] The accessory of claim 4, wherein the bottom is a ceramic clay flowerpot of the type known as a muffin pot.
- [c8] The accessory of claim 4, wherein the bottom is a ceramic clay flowerpot of the type known as a bell pot.
- [c9] The accessory of claim 1, wherein at least some of the openings defined by the continuous side wall are disposed, spaced apart from one another, around the

circumference of the receptacle and serve to enhance airflow through the accessory.

[c10] The accessory of claim 4, wherein the bottom defines at least one drainage hole to prevent buildup of moisture in the accessory.

[c11] The accessory of claim 1, and further comprising, inside of the receptacle, at least one ceramic clay flowerpot having an exterior diameter smaller than an interior diameter of the receptacle of the accessory for wild birds.

[c12] The accessory of claim 11, wherein the accessory is a bird house and the at least one flowerpot inside of the receptacle is disposed interior at the first end of the receptacle, right-side up, and serves to maintain the top of the accessory slightly spacedly from the top so as to enhance airflow between an interior of the top and an upper rim of the flowerpot inside the receptacle.


[c13] The accessory of claim 11, wherein the accessory is a bird feeder and the at least one flowerpot inside of the receptacle is disposed interior at the first end of the receptacle, right-side up, and has a bottom surface defining a plurality of openings disposed spaced-apart from one another and of sufficient size to permit facile flow-through of bird seed.

[c14] The accessory of claim 11, wherein the accessory is a bird feeder and the receptacle is formed of a ceramic clay flowerpot disposed right-side up and the at least one flowerpot inside of the receptacle is disposed at the interior second end of the receptacle, up-side down, to thereby prevent bird seed in the receptacle from settling onto an interior bottom surface of the receptacle where the bird seed could become wet.

[c15] The accessory of claim 1, wherein the accessory is a birdhouse and wherein the plurality of openings includes an opening which is larger than the others of the plurality of openings and which is sized and placed for facile access to and egress from the interior of the receptacle by a bird.

[c16] The accessory of claim 15, wherein the larger opening is sized and placed appropriately for access by a bluebird.

- [c17] The accessory of claim 15, wherein the larger opening is sized and placed appropriately for access by a wren.
- [c18] The accessory of claim 15, wherein the accessory is a birdhouse and the receptacle is an upside-down flowerpot, and further wherein the bottom of the accessory is formed of a bell pot connected to a depending end of the receptacle.
- [c19] The accessory of claim 15, wherein the accessory is a birdhouse and the receptacle is an upside-down flowerpot, and further wherein the bottom of the accessory is formed of a cactus pot connected to a depending end of the receptacle.
- [c20] The accessory of claim 15, wherein the accessory is a birdhouse and the receptacle is an upside-down flowerpot, and further wherein the bottom of the accessory is formed of a muffin pot connected right-side up to a depending end of the receptacle.
- [c21] The accessory of claim 1, wherein the accessory is a bird feeder and at least some of the plurality of openings are sized and positioned appropriately around the circumference of the receptacle to permit ready access by a bird to birdseed disposed within the receptacle.
- [c22] The accessory of claim 21, wherein the openings which are sized for bird seed are sized for oil sunflower seeds.
- [c23] The accessory of claim 21, wherein the openings which are sized for bird seed are sized for thistle seed.
- [c24] The accessory of claim 1, wherein at least the exterior surfaces of the accessory are made waterproof.
- [c25] The accessory of claim 24, wherein the accessory is provided with a silicone coating, at least on the exterior surfaces thereof.
- [c26] The method of making an accessory for wild birds, the method comprising the steps of :



providing a receptacle formed from a ceramic flowerpot, the receptacle having a first end and a second end and a continuous side wall of the receptacle extending between the first end and the second end of the receptacle, the continuous side wall defining a plurality of openings of preselected sizes disposed at preselected positions;

providing at least one of a top and a bottom formed of a ceramic clay flowerpot;

and

positioning the at least one of a top and a bottom coaxially and adjacent to at least one of the first end and the second end of the receptacle.